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Misty Morning Mishap

Leopardess injured in hit-n-run atop Ch. Hill

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (MTY&KS)- Mysureans woke up this morning to dense fog and mist hovering over the city. The misty conditions remained till about 10 am until the Sun emerged. People, especially motorists and morning walkers, experienced poor visibility.

Meanwhile, in a misty morn mishap, a four-and-a-half-year-old leopardess was seriously injured when an unidentified vehicle hit the big wild cat in a suspected hit-and-run incident between 7.30 am and 7.45 am atop the fog-covered Chamundi Hill.

The leopardess was seen dragging itself and groaning in pain among the bushes near Devikere, a few metres away from the accident spot at about 8 am.

Chamundi Hill residents, who saw the injured leopardess, informed the Forest Guards, who rushed to the spot and saw the feline trying to move but in vain. They immediately informed their higher officials.

RESCUE OPERATION: ***Sharp shooter Akram loading the dart to tranquillise the injured leopardess atop Chamundi Hill this morning as Veterinarian Dr. D.N. Nagaraj looks on. Picture right shows the tranquillised leopard inside the cage.***

At about 8.10 am, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar, along with Range Forest Officer (RFO) B. Prashanth Kumar, Veterinarian Dr. D.N. Nagaraj, sharp shooter Akram and 30 staff arrived at the spot.

The Forest staff then began to observe the injured animal to know about the nature of the injuries and to give time for it to recover on its own and move to the forest.

(See INJURED LEOPARDESS on page 7)

Mysuru-Hyderabad flight resumes

Some passengers travel wearing PPE suits

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (RK&BCT)- IndigoAirlines has recommenced its earlier route of Mysuru-Hyderabad from today. It will be a daily flight and the first flight took off from the Mysore Airport at Mandakalli.

The flight service is operated under Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) of the Union Government. The Indigo flight is in addition to the existing Alliance Air planes that are operating daily flights to Hyderabad.

Today, flight No. 6E-7955 flew from Hyderabad Airport at 8.35 am and arrived at Mysore Airport at 10.25 am. After picking up passengers, Flight No. 6E-7956 took to the skies at 10.50 am to reach Hyderabad at 12.50 pm.

While there were 54 passengers from Hyderabad to Mysuru, there were 42 fliers in the return direction. As the flight is operated in UDAN-RCS scheme, the fares are capped at Rs. 3,850 per seat.

The Airport Authority of India and the Indigo airlines had taken all COVID-19 precautions. Interestingly, a couple of passengers boarded the aircraft with Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) suits and were covered from head to toe.

(See FLIGHT on page 6)

PM flags off India's first driverless Metro train

New Delhi, Dec. 28 (UNI)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated the country's first ever driverless train operations on the Delhi Metro's Magenta Line from Janakpuri West to Botanical Garden, via video conferencing at 11:00 hrs.

Modi also launched the fully operational National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) services on the Airport Express Line.

These innovations are going to herald a new era of travelling comfort and enhanced mobility for the National Capital Region (NCR)'s residents.

After starting driverless services on the 37 kilometre long Magenta Line (Janakpuri West-Botanical Garden), another major corridor of the Delhi Metro, the

57 kilometre long Pink Line (Majlis Park-Shiv Vihar) will also have driverless operations by the mid of 2021.

The driverless trains will be fully automated which will require minimum human intervention and will eliminate the possibilities of human errors.

Delhi Metro has been a pioneer in introducing technology driven solutions for passenger comfort and this is another step in the same direction.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 28th December 2020

CPK to release three books of Dr. S. Shivarajappa

GTD to launch Amshi Prasanna's books

CPK

Dr. Shivarajappa

Devegowda

Amshi Prasanna

Mysuru, Dec. 28- District Kannada Sahitya Parishat in association with Tara Publications has organised a book release function at Parishat auditorium in Vijayanagar here on Dec. 31 at 10.30 am.

Noted writer Prof. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) will be releasing three books — *Sahitya Samvedane, Sahitya Vimarshe* and *Raja Tarangini of Kalhana* — penned by Director of Oriental Research Institute, University of Mysore, Dr. S. Shivarajappa.

Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna will preside. Noted poet Dr. Jayappa Honnali will be speaking about the books. Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda will be the chief guest. Author Dr. S. Shivarajappa and Publisher M.N. Shashikumar will be present, according to a press release.

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat too has organised a book release function at the Sahitya Bhavan premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage here on Dec. 30 at 10.30 am.

MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) will be releasing two books — *Kalaavalokana* and *Mane Managala Kathe* — written by Senior Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar. Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna will preside. Kannada Book Authority Chairman M.N. Nandish Hanche will be the chief guest. Senior Theatre Artiste Prof. H.S. Umesh and Assistant Professor of Government First Degree College, Gundlupet, Govindaraju Lakshmipura will be speaking about the books. Author Amshi Prasanna Kumar and Publisher Srinivas of Mahima Publications will be participating in the event.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Complacency must not set in. Although vaccine manufacturing has already started, reaching sufficient availability will take time. In a crisis such as this, there are no silver bullets. Today, tomorrow, and for many more months to come, we must continue to implement the basic public health measures that we know work, and which have defined our "new normal". Wash your hands. Wear a mask. Maintain physical distance and avoid the three Cs — crowded places, close-contact settings, and confined and enclosed spaces.

Almost a year since COVID-19 emerged, we have cause for optimism. Countries in the region are to be commended for beginning immunisation planning as early as July, for carrying out vaccine readiness assessments, and for continuing to act in solidarity and with recognition that vaccines are a global public good. Now is the time to firm up and finalise such plans, for the equitable and efficient protection of vulnerable populations, and for the health and well-being of all.

— Poonam Khetrapal Singh in Hindustan Times

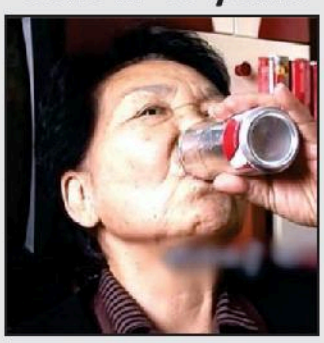
NEWS SPARKLERS

Coronavirus-inspired hairstyle popular in Kenya's slum

Kibera: Kibera, Kenya's biggest slum, where a new hairstyle inspired by the spiky look of the SarsCov-2 virus has become a big hit.

With client numbers dwindling and their income collapsing, hairstylists in Kibera had to come up with ways to stay relevant, including finding solutions relating to the problem. In the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic, some stylists found inspiration for new hairstyles in the shape of the deadly virus seen under a microscope. But it's not just about the design; the new hairstyle is also cheaper than other popular styles – it costs less than $1, making it an attractive option for cash-strapped clientele.

Woman has drunk 1,50,000 cans of Coke in 40 years



Seoul: A 74-year-old South Korean woman has drunk 1,50,000 cans of Coke in a span of 40 years. During a health checkup at a local clinic, her blood test came out normal for a person her age and an upper endoscopy revealed some minor stomach and duodenal ulcerations. It's not clear if the four decades of Coke consumption were the cause of the ulcers.

Her Coke addiction is related to a traumatic event – the loss of her husband, the love of her life, at the age of 34. The woman said that she turned to Coke the way other people turn to alcohol to drown their sorrows, and only became more addicted to the drink even more after also losing her son in a traffic accident.

The woman claims that she consumed 10 cans of Coke per day, on average, for the last 40 years, which would be almost 150,000 cans, or 37,500 liters. Now this is the type of dream consumer that I'm sure Coca Cola would love to have more of!

HEALTH CAPSULE

Oil – Cooking Essential

It is beneficial to use 2-3 different kinds of healthy cooking oil for different kind of cooking. This helps in balancing the risks and benefits of the different oils. You can drizzle extra virgin olive oil on your salad, apply a little ghee on your hot roti's. Use sunflower or corn oil for curries and mustard or coconut oil for other kinds of cooking. Keep rotating between sunflower oil, peanut oil, and rice bran oil.

By Kavya. J - Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	40
Total positive cases	:	52,226
Discharges yesterday	:	54
Total discharges	:	50,684
Deaths yesterday	:	2
Total deaths	:	1,010
Total active cases	:	532

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	19
Total positive cases	:	19,360
Total discharges	:	19,054
Total deaths	:	147
Total active cases	:	159

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	11
Total positive cases	:	6,742
Total discharges	:	6,518
Total deaths	:	119
Total active cases	:	94

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	7
Total positive cases	:	5,682
Total discharges	:	5,538
Total deaths	:	70
Total active cases	:	74

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	34
Total positive cases	:	27,935
Total discharges	:	27,288
Total deaths	:	393
Total active cases	:	254

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

PAPPU'S ATITTUDE IN EXAMS:
They gave me questions which I didn't know so I gave them answers which they don't know!
WHY??
Pappu: Tit For Tat !!

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.57
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.82
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.03
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.94

VOICE OF THE READER

Clean Kapila: Kudos to Yuva Brigade volunteers

Will zealous youths clean up Devanur Lake?

Sir,

This refers to the news item ***'Yuva Brigade volunteers clean Kapila bathing ghat in Nanjangud'*** *(SOM* dated Dec. 26).

Volunteers of Yuva Brigade deserve encomiums for their cleanliness drive at the bathing ghat and surrounding areas of Kapila River near Nanjangud Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple and influencing and sensitising the devotees to join hands with them in maintaining the sanctity of the river *[see pic. above].*

As the authorities concerned are not bothered and care two hoots, the socially/environmentally committed youth and other groups are volunteering to bring in changes, which is heartening, so much so that the Prime Minister praised Yuva Brigade in *'Mann Ki Baat'* today (Dec. 27) for their efforts.

Two years ago, *SOM* had published my letter about Devanur Lake, which is located on the main link road between N.R. Mohalla and Rajivnagar. This Lake remains neglected and is an eyesore today.

What happened to Rs. 5 crore allotted under Chief Minister's Fund to rejuvenate this Lake? Did MUDA receive this money which has been entrusted with the responsibility of reviving this Lake? If yes, then why no action has been taken so far? Will the MUDA Commissioner care to let the public know the actual and current status, please? The dynamic Deputy Commissioner can also look into this matter.

Like volunteers of Yuva Brigade, why can't the zealous youths of the area take up this project as a challenge, clear all encroachments and bring this Lake back to life?

Tanveer Sait, the area MLA, I am sure, will be too willing to encourage and support them. Also, any number of philanthropic-minded businessmen and other donors would be happy to fund and contribute their mite for this project. In fact, I had suggested to approach people like Azim Premji of Wipro under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

With some hard work and timeline, if this beautifully located Lake comes alive, the youths of Mysuru would indeed be setting an example for others to take up similar projects in the country.

—Mubasher Mirza
Bannimantap 'C' Layout
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Mann Ki Baat: PM praises Yuva Brigade's Srirangapatna Temple renovation works

PM Narendra Modi

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (BCT)- In the 72nd edition of his monthly radio programme and the last 'Mann Ki Baat' of the year 2020 yesterday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi appreciated "Yuva Brigade" for restoring a 300-year-old Temple in Srirangapatna which was forgotten by people and had remained in a dilapidated condition for past several years

The Yuva Brigade's remarkable feat, in fact, was first published in *Star of Mysore* on Dec. 4, 2020 along with photographs under the title ***'Yuva Brigade restores sheen of Ganjam's forgotten Temple.'***

Here is what Modi said:

My dear countrymen, the letter that is in front of me now bears two large photographs. These are photos of a Temple and depict 'before' and 'after.' The letter which is with these photos talks about a team of youth which calls itself Yuva Brigade. In fact, this Youth Brigade has transformed an ancient Shiva Temple named Veerabhadraswamy in Srirangapatna in Karnataka. All around in the Temple there were widespread weeds and shrubs... so much that even travellers could not have recognised the existence of a Temple there. One day, some tourists posted a video of this forgotten Temple on social media," the PM said.

"When the Yuva Brigade saw this video on social media they could not bear it and this team decided to renovate it together. They removed the thorny bushes, grass and plants that had come up in the compound of the Temple. They did repair and took up construction wherever required. Seeing their good deed, the local people too extended a helping hand. Some offered cement, others offered paint. People came up with many other such contributions," he narrated.

Continuing, Modi said, "All these youths belong to different professions. Hence, they took out time during weekends and worked for the Temple. They arranged for electricity connection too for the Temple besides getting doors installed, thus restoring the old grandeur of the Temple."

"Passion and firm commitment are two means through which people can achieve every goal. When I see the youth of India, I feel delighted and assured. Delighted and assured because the youth of my country has the **'Can Do'** approach and the **'Will Do'** spirit in them. No challenge is too big for them. Nothing is out of reach for them," Modi said, diverting to other topics.

'Our efforts bore fruits'

Speaking to *SOM* on the PM's encouraging words, Chandrashekar, the Yuva Brigade in-charge of Mysuru, said that the PM's words were motivating. "We had sent a letter containing the report and photographs to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). The PM has literally read out the entire report published in *Star of Mysore* and I am happy that our work has got national attention. This gives us a boost and we will undertake such programmes with renewed vigour," he said.

Chandrashekar said that after the Temple was renovated and given a fresh coat of paint by the Brigade, there is a steady stream of visitors to the historic Temple. "Our efforts have borne fruits," he added.

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Yuva Brigade restores sheen of Ganjam's forgotten temple

THEN: Veerabhadraswamy Temple at Ganjam in Srirangapatna before restoration.

NOW: Veerabhadraswamy Temple gets a new look after restoration by Yuva Brigade team.

Mysuru, Dec. 4 (BCT) - Mysuru and surrounding areas is home to several temples whose intricate architecture on stone speaks volumes of the craftsmanship of the ancient rulers, especially the Wadiyars.

But not all of them are maintained well by the Departments concerned. Some remain far away from the radar of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department. The realisation was enough for a group of enthusiasts from Yuva Brigade to take initiative to restore dilapidated temples in the district.

The Brigade has a history of renovating many temples, ancient monuments, rivers and Kalyanis and the latest to be added to the list is the Veerabhadraswamy Temple at Ganjam in Srirangapatna. Though many other temples in Ganjam and surroundings have been maintained in a good condition, thanks to the continuous flow of devotees, this particular temple was crying for attention since long.

Weeds and bushes had covered the entire temple premises and though it is located by the side of the road, it was not visible as thick growth dominated the area. The plight of the temple was posted through a video on social media by a visitor which caught the attention of Yuva Brigade members.

The Brigade formed a team to clean the temple and give it a facelift. The team worked for two months on weekends and holidays and transformed the temple. While doing this, they regularly updated the social media about the progress of the works. Seeing the good work being done, many people contributed cement, paint and limestone.

The group started its restoration work after seeking the permission of the residents. They cleared plants and foliage that had sprouted from the dilapidated structure. "Seeds get deposited on the structure through bird droppings. Limestone (which the structure is made of) and rain water facilitates their germination. If left unchecked, vegetation can cause potential damage to the temple's structure," Chandrasekhar of the Yuva Brigade told *Star of Mysore*.

Before the restoration works, the team found that miscreants had stolen the historic idol from the sanctum sanctorum. After the works were completed, the Yuva Brigade members installed an idol as per traditions and consecrated the temple. Later, an iron door was fixed to protect the idol and electricity connection was provided to the premises.

Once the renovation was complete, a Deepotsava was recently held on the third 'Karthika Somavara' and local villagers were invited to the event. The keys of the temple were handed over to villagers, Chandrasekhar added.

Among the people who generously contributed for the restoration works are Ashwin from Srirangapatna and Lokesh from Krishna Raja Sagar village. S. Sandesh, Kiran, Ravisutha, Sandesh, Manoj, Sharath, Lokesh, Sooraj, Ranjith, Gautham, Lokesh Ganjam, Abhishek, Shreyas, Ravi and Manu of the Yuva Brigade worked actively in the temple restoration.

The Yuva Brigade team which restored the temple.

Deepotsava at the renovated temple on the third 'Karthika Somavara.'

Star of Mysore ***had published the above full-page pictorial report about the transformed Temple in Srirangapatna, Mandya district, in its issue dated Dec. 4, 2020.***

GP polls: Mysuru district records 81.17 percent voting

Mysuru, Dec.28 (RKB&YDS)- The second phase of Gram Panchayats (GP) polls held yesterday saw a good average voter turnout of 81.17 percent in the three taluks of Mysuru, T. Narasipur and Nanjangud, that went to the polls in the second phase. The polling in the district went off peacefully with no untoward incident reported from any part of the three taluks. While Mysuru taluk recorded the highest voter turnout of 85.47 percent, Nanjangud recorded 83.28 percent and T. Narasipur 75 percent.

Although the voting began on a sedate note at 7 in the morning, it picked up momentum as the Sun broke out a couple of hours later, with voters lining up in long queues before polling booths.

There was tight Police security around all the booths and the poll staff ensured that COVID-19 protocol such as wearing of face mask, thermal screening and maintenance of physical distancing are followed.

Five other taluks of the district—Hunsur, Periyapatna, K.R.Nagar, H.D.Kote and Saragur went to the polls in the first phase on Dec.22. **The counting of votes of both the phases will be taken up on Dec.30.** The district has a total of 250 GPs comprising 1,670 seats collectively with 4,232 members. A total of 11,234 candidates had contested from the district in the GP polls, with the first phase of polling held on Dec.22 recording a better voter turnout of 84 percent.

Meanwhile, Mandya district recorded a high voter turnout of 88.13 percent, Chamarajanagar 82.88 percent, Hassan 83.72 percent and Kodagu 69.58 percent, which is the lowest in Mysuru region.

NEWS BRIEFS

Zoo open on Tuesday

Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) and Karanji Nature Park, in Mysuru, will remain open for the public on Tuesday (Dec. 29), on account of New Year, according to a press release.

Kuvempu's birth anniversary

Kuvempu Institution of Kannada Studies (KIKS), Manasagangothri, has organised Rashtrakavi Kuvempu's 112th birth anniversary celebrations at the main entrance of Manasagangothri tomorrow (Dec. 29) at 10.30 am. University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar and Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa will offer floral tributes to the statue of Kuvempu at the venue. Later, a felicitation programme will be held at the KIKS premises. Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will inaugurate the event. Prof. R. Shivappa and retd. Kannada Professor N. Boralingaiah will be the chief guests. Retired Kannada Professors C.P. Siddashrama and R. Ramakrishna and retd. Folk Professor Nanjaiah Honganur will be felicitated on the occasion.

Scholarship

Kunchitigara Sangha, Aalamma Choultry, Dewan's Road, in city has invited applications from eligible Kunchitiga community students studying 1st, 5th and 8th standard as well as first year diploma, 1st PUC, graduate and post-graduate courses for availing scholarship. Applications are also invited from community students who have scored more than 80% in SSLC, 2nd PUC, final year diploma, ITI, graduate and post-graduate courses for presenting Pratibha Puraskar. The prescribed application forms can be collected from the Sangha Office between 10 am and 7 pm till Jan. 4. Last date to submit filled-in applications is Jan. 10. For details, contact Mob: 98451-10995 or 94480-59317.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	119.19 ft
Yesterday	119.25 ft
Inflow	1,122 cusecs
Outflow	2,544 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.21 ft
Inflow	429 cusecs
Outflow	250 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,819.28 ft
Inflow	233 cusecs
Outflow	30 cusecs

Cops hold Crime Prevention Month campaigns in city

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (SPN&BCT)- As part of Crime Prevention Month, the Mysuru City Police have taken up several sensitisation programmes to ensure the welfare of women and also sensitise women on the well-being of fellow women.

While the intention of the programmes is to prevent crimes on women, the Police are also taking an opportunity to tell women that a woman's safety can be ensured only if a woman understands the plight of another woman, her problems and her welfare.

Gathering at a programme on women empowerment organised by Devaraja Sub-Division recently at a convention hall at Alanahalli.

At a programme on women empowerment and prevention of

atrocities against them organised by Devaraja Sub-Division recently at a convention hall at Alanahalli, DCP **Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda** said that mothers-in-law must treat daughters-in-law as their own daughters. At the same time, daughters-in-law must treat mothers-in-law as their own mothers.

"It has become a practice now-a-days to take every dispute to a court of law or a Police Station. Instead of this, warring families must come together and elders must sort out the issues. "There are bound to be differences in a family between a husband and a wife and between in-laws. Small differences must be ironed out in the initial stages instead of allowing the problem to fester. Families are being ruined because differences have been allowed to grow beyond proportions," he advised.

Whenever a woman comes to a Police Station, her problems must be addressed first and initial justice must be delivered by the officers. Likewise, if a situation arises where the husband and wife can lead a good life after differences are sorted out, they must be allowed to do so, he said.

Senior advocate Mahadev Deshik informed about the rights of women, Deputy Director of Women and Child Welfare Department K.R. Padma and K.R. Nagar Child Development Project Officer Mamatha gave a presentation on women empowerment and prevention of atrocities against women.

Over 300 women took part in the programme. Devaraja ACP Shashidhar, Alanahalli Inspector H. Hariyappa, Udayagiri Inspector Poonacha and Nazarbad Inspector Srikanth were present.

At Hebbal Industrial Area

A programme on crime prevention and usage of Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) phone number 112 was held at Hebbal Industrial estate. It was organised by Narasimharaja Sub-Division, Hebbal Police Station and Hebbal Industrial Estate Manufacturers Association (HIEMA).

The programme was organised exclusively for the benefit of lady employees working in the Hebbal Industrial Estate. Over 100 employees attended the event.

Hebbal Inspector Cheluvegowda urged women to use interlock system instead of normal locks in houses and also install CCTV cameras for more safety. He also urged them to call 112 without any fear in case of any danger either while walking near house or at office or anywhere. Police teams will rush to the spot for assistance.

ACP Shivashankar informed that a lot of new laws have been enacted for the safety of children and women. "Complaints are received regarding abuse of girl children from close relatives but many times parents do not complain due to social stigma and to the fear of the family being exposed," he said.

HIEMA President Jayanth, Hon. Secretary C.M. Subramanian and others were present.

'Never share OTPs, CVV number as cyber criminals lie in wait'

Lakshmipuram Police take out awareness jatha

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (MTY&BCT)- Crime prevention awareness along with COVID-19 sensitisation and awareness was launched in city by Lakshmipuram Police yesterday. A jatha was held in the programme that was a part of Crime Prevention Month.

Lakshmipuram Inspector R. Venkatesh flagged off the jatha in front of the Police Station on JLB Road. He said that as part of Crime Prevention Month, a series of programmes have been held at Lakshmipuram Station spreading awareness on crime, especially on women and children.

He said that women must be careful while walking on the roads and should not wear valuables when venturing out of homes. Criminals, especially bike-borne gangs, would target elderly women who wear expensive neck chains. "You might feel that you are safe by the side of the road. Actually, they lie in wait for victims and as soon as they get a chance, they will relieve you of the chain," he explained.

Women walking by the side of the road are often targeted by chain-snatchers who will stop by them and ask for address. "They will be polite and very courteous. But as they will successfully divert attention by drawing to a deep conversation and will snatch valuables," Venkatesh revealed.

Even at homes too valuables like gold jewellery must not be kept near the windows and at places from where criminals can easily take them. Always keep them in shelves or in a bag so that jewels serve their purpose and not end up in the hands of thieves, he advised.

Focussing on cyber crime and how criminals use bank data in phones to steal money from the bank. "Starting from Aadhaar OTP to the details of 16-digit debit card, CVV number, passwords and related confidential data, criminals will ask you to reveal the OTP or CVV number. If they gain access to the same, all your hard-earned money in the banks will vanish within seconds and once lost, money cannot be traced at all as criminals operate from different States and countries," Venkatesh added.

Do not fall for calls that offer gifts from foreign lands. "Luring you with costly imported gifts, cash vouchers and the likes, scamsters will telephone you. If you fall for the trap, they will ask for money to get the gifts cleared from Customs Department which is fake. Many people have fallen victims to these men and women and have lost lakhs of rupees," he said advising the people to approach the nearest Police Station in case they need to lodge a complaint or in case of being targeted by cyber criminals.

Lakshmipuram SIs M.S. Bhandi, S. Nagaraju, Raju Konakeri and others were present.

Mysuru-Bengaluru 10-lane Highway

Permission sought to extract soil from seven lakes

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (SSV&BCT)- Dilip Buildcon Limited that has bagged the contract for six-laning of Nidaghatta-Mysuru Section as part of upgrading the existing Mysuru-Bengaluru National Highway 275 to a 10-lane Economic Corridor, has sought permission from Mysuru Tahsildar to dig/de-silt seven lakes in the taluk.

The Mysuru-Bengaluru Economic Corridor project is estimated at Rs. 7,400 crore and works are underway in two packages — Bengaluru to Nidaghatta in Maddur taluk at a cost of Rs. 3,000 crore and Nidaghatta to Mysuru at a cost of Rs. 3,500 crore.

The company wants to de-silt the lakes and extract soil for levelling the earth near the alignment of the highway. According to a letter submitted to the Tahsildar, the company has sought extraction of soil from Shettynayakanahallikere, Nagavalakere, Huyilalukere, Bommenahallikere, Jettihundikere, Huliyalukatte and K. Hemmanahallikere, all situated in Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency, Mysuru taluk.

Dilip Buildcon Limited company representative Bhanuprakash** (extreme left) **is seen handing over a copy of letter, which was submitted to Mysuru Taluk Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith** (centre) **seeking permission to de-silt seven lakes in the taluk, to Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha.

The company has agreed to give the necessary royalty to Department of Mines and Geology per cubic metre as per the rates decided by the Government. The extracted soil would be used to fill up trenches on the highway. The company representative Bhanuprakash met Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and handed over a copy of letter which was submitted to the Tahsildar.

The MP too suggested that the authorities should explore the possibility of de-silting water bodies in the villages along the highway alignment and use the silt for the project where works are on in full swing. De-silting will serve twin purposes — the lakes will be cleaned and freed of silt and more water can be stored so that villages can use it. The second use is that the project too will get the required sand, the MP said. The upgraded highway is scheduled to be dedicated to the nation in September 2022.

Circle proposed at Koorgalli deviation to avoid accidents

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (BCT)- Following a demand to construct a turnaround (circle) at the road that turns towards Koorgalli on the Mysuru-Hunsur Highway (NH-275), Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha visited the spot as the work involves the consent of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). The MP was accompanied by NHAI engineer Jagadeesh and a junction officer.

The road is perpetually busy with vehicles coming from Mysuru and Hunsur side and also vehicles proceeding towards Koorgalli Industrial Estate.

Simha felt the need of constructing a circle at the turn for the vehicles to move smoothly on all stretches, avoiding a collision.

The issue was brought to the MP's notice by industrialist Sandeep Nayak and the MP directed the officials to submit a proposal in this regard to NHAI.

Several residents of the area too were present and they too stressed the need of constructing a circle at the spot to avoid accidents. Later, Simha inspected some of the roads being repaired by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and directed the engineers to expedite the work on the stretch between Hebbal Junction and Kalidasa Road which was being repaired at a cost of Rs. 3.58 crore.

Bad roads to Kodagu, a tourist hotspot

District Administration urged to wake up from slumber

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (BCT)- Major roads of Kodagu are in a pathetic condition and need urgent repairs. The situation is worse in South Kodagu and the roads that connect Mysuru to Kerala via Kodagu are full of craters and are impossible to travel with chances of vehicles breaking down high.

K.C. Biddappa

Roads have not seen repairs since years and though some stretches like the Gonikoppal-Hunsur Road or Ponnampet-Balele via Kirugur and Nallur Road are being re-asphalted, other connecting roads are in a bad shape. They have not been repaired even after heavy rains since the last two to three years, said a concerned *SOM* reader K.C. Biddappa, Senior Vice-President (Retd.), ITC Limited, who is a regular traveller to Kodagu.

Come monsoon, the roads get damaged on every nook and corner of the district. Potholes on interior roads have only added to the misery of motorists, said Biddappa, who is also the President of Mysore City Pensioners Association. He has urged the Kodagu District Administration and the State Government to wake up from slumber.

The road leading to Murnad-Kondangeri is in a deplorable condition. Likewise, Kanthoor-Maragodu, Murnad-Kumbadalu, Hoddu-Kuyyangeri Road, Balamuri Road, Balamuri-Vatekadu, Gonikoppal-Kutta, Virajpet-Gonikoppal, Ammathi-Pollibetta, Siddapura-Kushalnagar, Ponnampet-Srimangala, Balele-Kanoor Roads too need urgent repairs, he pointed out.

Lax administration

"Politicians cannot remain oblivious to the problems Kodagu is facing. They ought to pay attention and be held accountable. Motorists have to carefully negotiate potholes to avoid any accidents. Several motorcyclists have fallen off the vehicles while negotiating crater-like potholes. Autorickshaws and cars have been damaged while traversing busy stretches," Biddappa added.

The State and Central Governments, MLAs and the MP are hell bent upon getting more and more Highways to Kodagu and the Railway line via South Kodagu is hanging like a Damocles' Sword on the people of Kodagu.

"Instead of getting new roads and other projects, the MLAs and the MP must take steps to repair the existing roads and make them at least motorable, if not meeting national standards," he said.

Taking a dig at the attitude of elected representatives who are focused on making Kodagu an important tourist destination, Biddappa questioned that how tourists could come to Kodagu if roads are in a pathetic condition. "Unfortunately, our law-makers give more prominence for revenue-generating agendas rather than maintenance of basic civic amenities like roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure," he said.

Zero tolerance needed

"Compare the mentality of people of Karnataka and Kodagu, who are tolerating these administrative lapses and laxity, to the people of Tamil Nadu and Kerala, who have zero tolerance towards Government apathy on any civic issues irrespective of their political affiliations. They will ensure that protests are staged for world-class roads. This is the reason why it is a pleasure to drive on the roads in Kerala and Tamil Nadu," he stated.

Biddappa suggested that people of Kodagu, voluntary organisations and NGOs, stakeholders of the district and also people who are involved in the tourism industry must stage a peaceful 'Rasta Roko' to draw the attention of the authorities in the District Administration, MLAs, Mysuru-Kodagu MP and the State Government.

The unmotorable Siddapura-Kushalnagar Road.

By Girija Madhavan

LOOKING BACK...

A new home in Bad Godesberg

Settling into a new home was always a challenge to a Mysurean like myself, though I had lived in several foreign countries over the years. It was no different when I went to Bad Godesberg, Bonn, West Germany, when my husband, A. Madhavan, was posted as Ambassador to FRG (the Federal Republic of Germany) from 1988 to 1991. We witnessed a historical event during this tenure; the re-unification of East and West Germany. Madhavan found himself envoy to a larger country when FRG and GDR (the German Democratic Republic) merged into one.

I had earlier memories of the country when my husband and I, with our infant son, had gone camping there in 1962, through the Black Forest (the Swartz Wald) ending up in Bonn. We visited Jagat Singh Mehta and his wife Rama Mehta, posted in Germany then, in their home in Konigswinter. A distinguished Indian diplomat, he retired as Foreign Secretary. Their sitting room windows opened on to a view of the Rhine where river craft plied. One wall was covered with a vivid Phad (a Rajasthani tapestry based on a folk legend). Indian miniatures glowed gem-like on the opposite wall; a home showcasing Indian art to foreigners.

Bonn was quiet and laid back then. By the late 1980s, a variety of nationalities added colour to the scene; Slavs, Arabs, Turkish people, Iranians, Filipinos and Indians.

A. Madhavan (centre) and Indian Embassy Officers after the Presentation of Credentials to German President Richard von Weizsacker.

Within two weeks of our arrival, Shankar Dayal Sharma, the Vice-President, was to make an official visit. So the first priority was the Presentation of Credentials by Madhavan to President Richard von Weizsacker, formally taking charge as Ambassador.

I was not invited to the Credentials ceremony. Instead, I waited at home for my husband, our own Embassy officials and those of the German Foreign Office to return to our home for a celebratory reception with champagne. The corks were given to me as a souvenir.

We received the Vice-President and party at Frankfurt Airport. Among the dignitaries who disembarked, a smiling face came into view; a well-known Mysurean, Professor C.D. Narasimhaiah. He was a family friend and my mentor too. He recalled how he had been reading a book of poems by Madhavan when I went to invite him to our wedding.

Girija, in the foyer of Villa Marienforst, awaiting guests from the Presentation of Credentials.

Events at Dhvanyaloka, the cultural centre he started, were highlights for us when we returned to Mysuru after retirement.

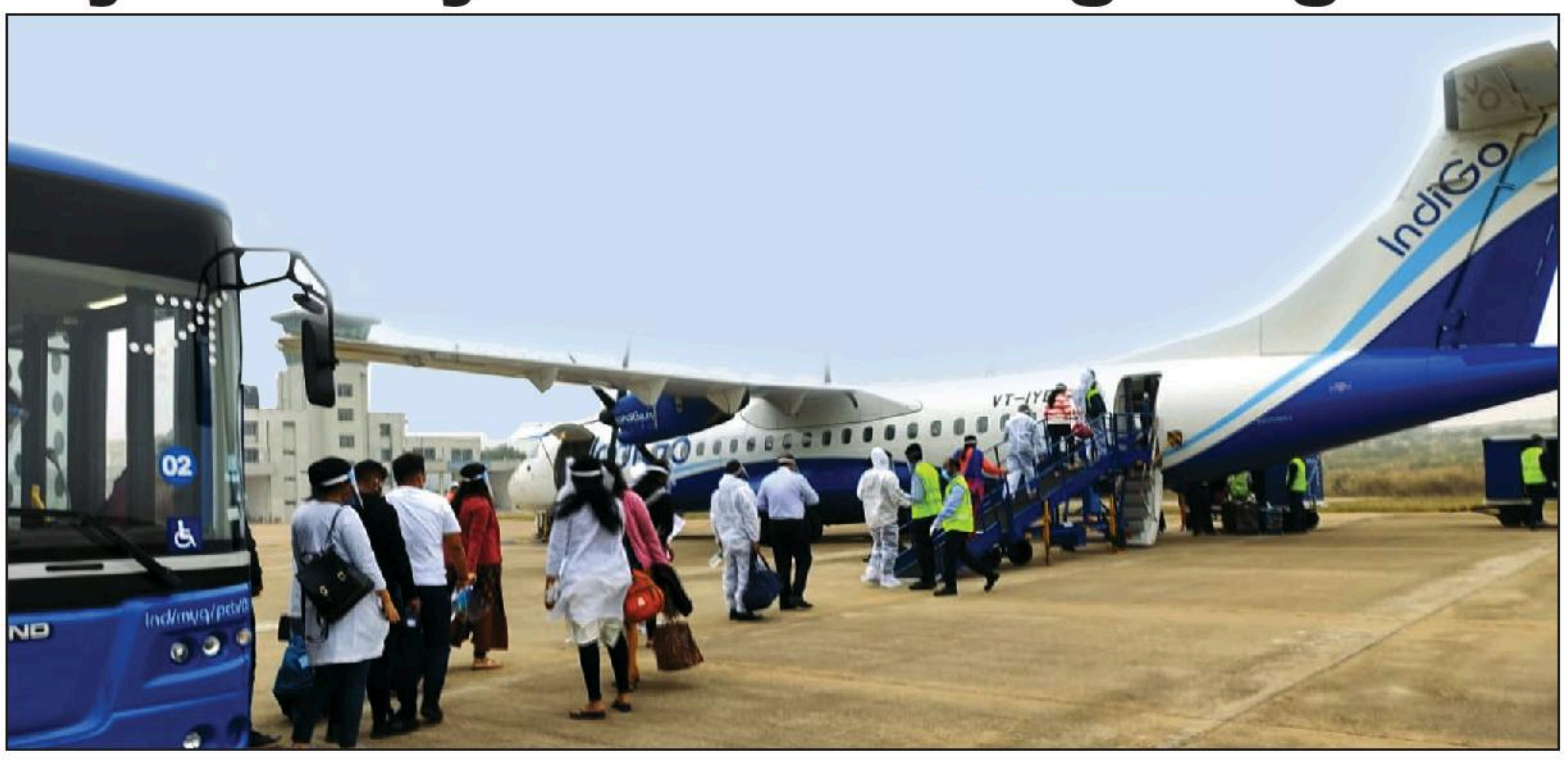
We settled into our new life getting acquainted with other diplomats and our counterparts in the Auswartiges Amt (German Foreign Office). I had to adapt to unfamiliar surroundings. I found shops that catered to our needs. The Arab shop had the best green coriander and fresh, tender little *bindis;* the Turkish one had good cinnamon and aromatics. The Indian store stocked precious curry leaves, pickles and staples.

In the Residence, Villa Marienforst, the "German" gardener had let weeds grow in the flower beds, the grass needed mowing. Why was he retained, I wondered. The answer was apparent after I met him; Kartar Singh, a burly, cheerful Punjabi with a charming gap-toothed smile. He had immigrated to Germany many years ago and was married to a German woman. He made delicious samosas, a spicy stuffing within a crisp but delicate pastry. He could make large numbers of these for parties. What were a few weeds in the face of such talent. Khem Singh, our Garhwali help, was delighted with him too as Kartar Singh promised to cook venison for him when the hunting season started. Hunting in Germany is strictly regulated, month, date and species wise. Red, fallow and roe deer (bucks, does and fawns are included too), chamois, wild boar, hare, and game bird are among the many other animals for huntsmen to kill.

Virgie, the Filipino help, specialised in cocktail spring rolls. With ready-made spring roll wrappers from a Filipino source she made an aromatic filling of bean sprouts, scallions, chicken and shrimps, seasoned with soy sauce. We all helped to form and seal the rolls. They were extremely well liked. This was my support team for entertaining; I was designated as "Official Hostess" in addition to being the Ambassador's wife!

We formed friendships with international community and colleagues from diverse countries meeting German officials and intellectuals as well as some political personages; people who were affluent and successful. I also interacted with immigrants like Virgie and Kartar Singh, who faced insecurity, financial, cultural and linguistic challenges in their country of adoption. From them I saw another side of life, their struggle and fortitude, facing life and its vicissitudes with a smile.

Mysuru-Hyderabad Indigo flight resumes



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Airport sources said that in January or February, flights are scheduled to be operated to destinations including Shirdi, Tirupati and Mumbai. "There is a demand in these sectors especially from devotees who are heading to Shirdi Sai Baba Temple and Venkateshwara Temple at Tirupati. Also, there is a demand from business community for Mumbai flights and talks are on with airline companies," sources added.

Injured leopardess rescued

1. Sharp shooter Akram taking position to fire the dart. 2. The darted leopardess. 3. Forest staff and villagers spread nets to rescue the animal. 4. Rescued feline being brought out.

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Luckily, the injured leopardess had dragged itself near Devikere from the curve on the main road leading from Mahishasura Statue.

As the stretch from the main road to Devikere was already barricaded to prevent parking of vehicles near the Lake, it prevented people from crowding the place. Besides, K.R. Police personnel were deployed to prevent people from entering the area where the rescue operation was to take place.

As the Forest staff came to know that the leopardess had sustained serious injuries on its hind legs or lower spine, they decided to tranquillise it and waited for permission from the Office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) to dart the animal.

At about 11.18 am, after getting the permission, sharp shooter Akram fired the tranquilliser dart on the injured animal. As it takes a few minutes for the dart to take effect, the Forest staff began to spread the nets to prevent the animal from moving further and at about 11.30 am, the staff rescued the injured animal and placed it inside the cage kept in the Forest Department vehicle.

The injured leopardess was shifted to the Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Koorgalli in city outskirts. It is only after the team of Veterinarians take a closer look at the injuries, it would be known whether the leopard was hit by a vehicle or was injured by a wild boar or whether it sustained injures while jumping or during hunting.

Meanwhile, DCF Dr. Prashanth Kumar, speaking to *Star of Mysore* said that the rescued animal would be treated immediately. He further said that a decision on letting the leopardess back into the forest or keeping it in the rehabilitation centre if it does not recover would be taken by the higher officials.

He further said that last year (2019), three leopards were caught in the camera traps atop the Hill and it is to be known whether the injured leopardess is one among them.

Veterinarian Dr. D.N. Nagaraj and Akram readying the dart.

Large crowd gathered at the spot to watch the rescue operation.

Rescued leopardess being shifted to Koorgalli Rehabilitation Centre.

More misty mornings ahead

Today morning, city records 12 degree Celsius

A view of Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel, covered with mist, clicked from atop Chamundi Hill this morning by SOM photographer M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav.

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (PM&BCT)- There was an unusual chill this morning, with the minimum temperature dropping to 12 degree Celsius while the maximum temperature hovered at 29 degree Celsius.

While it was hazy in the heart of the city, those areas that had thick vegetation like the Manasagangothri campus were covered in a shallow fog and mist, forcing motorists to switch on their headlights and fog lights to travel on the roads.

Residents of various areas said the nights have been growing colder as the week advances. Travelling in sparsely-populated areas — especially on the Outer Ring Road — during the night is becoming difficult these days without some form of protection against the cold, residents said.

Even regular morning walkers are avoiding the routine due to mist and fog lingering in the atmosphere. This is also probably due to the belief that COVID-19 infections are widespread during colder months and moreover new strain of the virus has surfaced that is said to be more potent.

Dr. C. Govindaraj, Professor at the Extension Education Unit of Organic Farming and Research Station at Naganahalli (OFRSN), speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that December itself began on a colder note and going by the minimum temperature recorded at weather observatories, the average minimum temperature hovered between 19 degree Celsius and 18.2 degree Celsius.

"As the month progressed, the temperatures further reduced and today morning it was 12 degree Celsius. The same weather is likely to continue for the next couple of days with the minimum temperature being 16 degree to 19 degree Celsius while the maximum temperature will be 28 degree to 29 degree Celsius.

Dr. Govindaraj has forecast misty or foggy mornings for two more days. There will be barely a change in the minimum and maximum temperature, he added.

Was there a party ?

The presence of empty beer bottles, cans and food packets very close to Devikere atop the Hill shows that there was a party despite restrictions. Picture shows K.R. Police inspecting the spot.

Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

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Healthy Cooking

Feng Shui is not just a design element to get to know where to place the bed, mirror, wealth and stove, it's an art of orienting, aligning and tapping into good quality energy. This calls for skill, intuition and knowledge of compass directions and mathematics in interpreting the floor plan and layout of the house also known as the natal chart of the house.

The emphasis on the nutritional value of food which is most often referred to as the "post natal Chi" is evident as we are what we breathe, eat, feel and see. Chi meaning the fundamental energy of the universe in this context refers to the positive energy of the individual and when we focus on the energy we derive through good food, which is essential to maintain proper and harmonious Feng Shui of the premises; the focus shifts to the most important area in a home — Kitchen.

Kitchens are among the remains of the very early civilisations, some dating back well over 5,000 years. A cook normally requires the basic elements of Earth, Fire, Water and Metal. It is also the source of everything that is grown and cooked. The holding properties of the soil are used to make earth-ware vessels and utensils. Everything that is bought into the kitchen is changed in some way and this process of change is a part of a far larger cycle of energy — a cycle that includes not only the preparation and cooking of food, but the entire e process of life itself.

A fundamental principle of Feng Shui is that there should be a clear distinction between different functions within the home and especially in a place like Kitchen where the energies of different kinds exist, it is mandatory to demarcate the areas of each function. A stove or hob well-defined and kept away from the water is most essential. A large window behind the sink is essential and should not be behind the stove. Colours like browns, beige are good for the kitchen although I personally prefer shades of yellows. Darker brown tone for the flooring is good and grouping all equipment which rely on water to one side is not only convenient from the point of view of plumbing but ensures that there is no clash of element.

Some of the important tips in designing good kitchen are:

• Ensure that the stove is not directly in line with the front door.

• Do not place the stove next to the fridge or sink since this create direct clash of the Water and Fire elements. You may place green plant or suspend faceted crystals between them to act as a moderator.

• If you live in a high rise condo or apartment building, ensure the stove is not placed directly below the toilet.

• The stove should not face the toilet or share a wall with the toilet.

• Install bright lights to give you a spacious feeling.

• Keep the kitchen door close as far as possible.

• For healthy energy and vitality, display malachite crystals stone or craved malachite green dragon in view.

• If your kitchen is in the front of the house, get creative and try hanging sheer or beaded curtains over the kitchen door to shield the kitchen and the stove.

So a good and healthy kitchen culminates into not just good food but a healthy and harmonious environment which supports the occupants and connects them with the energies of the premises.

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Society should discuss Court judgements: HC Judge

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that Court judgements should not remain only on paper and must be discussed in the society, Karnataka High Court (HC) Judge Justice Krishna S. Dikshit observed that Court judgements should be such that they make an impact on the society. He was speaking at the diary (2021) release programme jointly organised by Mysore Bar Association and *Law Guide* Kannada monthly magazine at the Mysore Bar Association office located in the Mysuru District Courts Complex here on Saturday.

Mysore Bar Association President S. Anand Kumar felicitating Karnataka High Court (HC) Judge Justice Krishna S. Dikshit at a programme organised at the Association office in the Mysuru District Courts Complex in city on Saturday as 'Law Guide' Editor H.N. Venkatesh and senior advocate M.D. Harishkumar Hegde look on.

Noting that Court judgements will become useless if they do not make any impact on the society, Justice Dikshit said that the judgements should be such that they drive people for having a serious thought about them.

Stressing on the need for lawyers to have a good understanding of the problems of the farmers and the exploited sections, he said that a good lawyer is the one who has a deeper understanding of law.

Citing an example, he said that a lawyer, who want to argue regarding Anti-Cow Slaughter Bill, should have good knowledge about the life and life cycle of cattle and the relationship between cattle and human beings.

Pointing out that the legal profession is a noble one, he called upon the lawyers to uphold the dignity and honour of the profession.

Recalling his days as an advocate, Justice Dikshit said that he had no intention of becoming a Judge as he was happy with his legal profession. "An advocate has all the freedom to talk and argue. But a Judge has to work within a framework and with limitation," he noted.

Underlining the need for lawyers for having a better understanding of human relations, he said that it is important for a lawyer to have complete knowledge about a subject to argue a case concerned with that subject. For example, an advocate can render justice to the farming community only if he / she has full knowledge of the life of farmers and agrarian issues, he opined.

Referring to the legal framework in western countries, Justice Dikshit said that while the growth of law in Britain and America is attributed to creative Judges there, here in India, legal growth is attributed to advocates.

Pointing out that advocates have been instrumental in upholding the Indian Constitution, he said that he takes pride of being a member of the Bar Association for years before becoming a High Court Judge.

Senior advocate M.D. Harishkumar Hegde, who delivered the keynote address, said that *Law Guide* magazine was brought out 20 years ago with an objective of helping junior lawyers by publishing Court judgements in Kannada.

He further said that the magazine is providing training for Public Prosecutor exam and Judge recruitment exams by conducting classes and lectures by subject experts and resource persons. Hegde also said that some of the judgements delivered by Justice Krishna Dikshit were landmark ones.

Mysore Bar Association Secretary B. Shivanna said that the diary is very useful for lawyers as they can make notes regarding the cases they have taken up.

Mysore Bar Association President S. Anand Kumar said that the Association which used to bring out diaries every year could not do it this year because of COVID-19 crisis. He thanked *Law Guide* Editor H.N. Venkatesh for helping in bringing out the diary following a request by the Association.

Justice Krishna S. Dikshit was honoured on the occasion.

Law Guide Editor H.N. Venkatesh, Mysore Bar Association Vice-President S.G. Shivannegowda and others were present.

New team of Vanita Sadana

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (KS)- Following are the new office-bearers of Vanita Sadana, who were elected during the 75th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) held in city recently:

President: N. Bharati; **Vice-President:** G. Radha; **Hon. Secretary:** Padma Anand; **Joint Secretary:** Shyamala Jayaram; **Working Committee Members:** M.R. Bharati Urs, T.S. Roopavani, Indira Ballal, Jyothi V. Prasad, S.N. Sujatha Prasad, T.V. Pushpalatha, A.G. Manjula, Poonam Harish, S.N. Shobha, Thenmozhi Perumal and Jyothi Mukesh.

Shelterless persons in S'patna village face harrowing times

Srirangapatna, Dec. 28 (Vinay Karekura)- Even as the Government is harping on its host of housing schemes, shelterless hut dwellers in Kadatanalu village coming under Darasaguppe Gram Panchayat (GP) in Srirangapatna taluk are in a sorry state, fighting for a shelter of their own.

A total of 37 shelterless families of Darasaguppe were selected as beneficiaries of Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) years ago. But these families are yet to get sites due to the apathy of thick skinned officials. The authorities have an 8-acre area coming under Survey No. 91 of the village in their command for allotment of sites.

The Government in 2017-18, taking note of these poor families, sanctioned 20'x30' sites to them in this 8-acre land subject to certain conditions and subsequently, the title deeds of the sites were prepared in respect of 23 out of the 37 beneficiaries. However, the title deeds have remained unissued among the beneficiaries even after a couple of years and are gathering dust at Srirangapatna Tahsildar office.

The non issuance of title deeds has forced the beneficiaries to stay put in their thatched slum dwellings.

These poor families have been living in thatched houses for years and are deprived of basic civic amenities such as drinking water, toilets and sanitation. Apart from this, these families are living under the constant risk of health hazard. The negligent and apathetic attitude of officials has come under severe criticism from members of the public who are sympathetic to the plight of these poor families.

Srirangapatna Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer Bhyrappa said that confusions persist in the list of shelterless people of Kadatanalu village coming under Darasaguppe GP. Admitting that there has been a delay in the allotment of sites to beneficiaries, he said that a new list of beneficiaries will be prepared once the GP polls get over and sites allotted to them.

Tahsildar M.V. Roopa said that she was aware of the problems faced by shelterless people of Kadatanalu village. Noting that these shelterless families have been living in Kharab land, she said that although the Taluk Administration is ready to distribute sites, these shelterless families are refusing to come out of the Kharab land, where they have built their huts.

Once the beneficiaries construct houses at the allotted site and move into them, the Government will take measures for allotment of sites or construction of houses for more shelterless people, she said.

MLA Ravindra Srikantaiah said that he visited Kadatanalu village and heard the plight of shelterless people. Alleging that the Tahsildar and the EO were issuing irresponsible statements on the issue, he urged the officials to distribute title deeds to the beneficiaries soon after the GP polls get over.

Some beneficiaries said that they were willing to vacate their huts if the Government issues title deeds for sites and gives time for construction of houses at allotted sites.

COVID RT-PCR test
for students on Dec. 29, 30

Mysuru, Dec. 28- With the Government making COVID-19 RT-PCR test mandatory for all students of 10th standard and 2nd PUC, the classes for which are scheduled to commence from Jan. 1, 2021, the District Lions Seva Foundation (District 317A) will be conducting the RT-PCR test for free at J.K. Grounds near the City Railway Station on Dec. 29 and 30. The test will be conducted from 10 am to 4 pm on both the days.

The Foundation is conducting the test in association with other Lions Clubs of the city and DTS Foundation and with support from MCC, District Health Department and Department of Public Instruction. For details, call Mob: 93437-06223 or 99640-13033.

Validity of Driving Licence, vehicle documents extended till Mar. 31

New Delhi, Dec. 28- In a big relief to motorists and owners amidst the COVID-19 crisis, the Union Government on Sunday announced that the validity of Driving Licence (DL) and all Motor Vehicle Documents such as Registration Certificate, Fitness Certificate (FC) etc., has been extended till Mar. 31, 2021.

The Union Ministry of Road Transport has issued a direction to all State Government and Union Territories in this regard.

This is the fourth such extension this year, following the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic in March.

Electric poles stolen from Outer Ring Road

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (SPN& BCT)- Apart from footing the electricity bill and maintaining streetlights along the six-lane 42-km Outer Ring Road (ORR), Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has a new headache — stolen electricity poles. Yes. Miscreants are stealing the metal poles and are carrying them away in vehicles, hoodwinking both MUDA officials and Police, who often come on the ORR, patrolling.

While some of the electricity poles have fallen off due to wind, others are deliberately cut and taken away after a strong wind bends the pole. Some of the poles fall off after a speeding vehicle collides against them like it has happened to the poles near University of Mysore Employees Association Layout. There are two poles that have crashed onto the ground after speeding vehicles collided against them.

Residents of the area have urged MUDA to restore the poles before they are taken away by thieves. The ORR has over 2,135 electricity poles and safeguarding them is a big task, or call it a headache, for MUDA.

Area residents have stated that from the University of Mysore Employees Association Layout till Parasayyanahundi there were at least four to five fallen electricity poles. Neither MUDA nor Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) officials bothered about them, they said. These metal pipes, though scrap in the eyes of a layman, it is money when sold to metal dealers or scrapyards. The metal used for an electric pole is usually strong and weighs more when dismantled and cut into pieces. Crores of rupees have been spent on the road and the electrification. Sadly, public money is being wasted and no officer is bothered, residents regretted.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh has said that maintenance of streetlights along the ORR was MUDA's responsibility. "I will direct officials to take steps and safeguard public property," he said.

WORD OF THE DAY

Gelid

Pronunciation: JELL-id.
Meaning: Extremely cold : icy.
Origin: Gelid first appeared in English late in the 16th century, coming to our language from Latin gelidus, which ultimately derives from the noun gelu, meaning "frost" or "cold." (The noun gelatin, which can refer to an edible jelly that undergoes a cooling process as part of its formation, comes from a related Latin word: gelare, meaning "to freeze.") Gelid is used to describe anything of extremely cold temperature (as in "the gelid waters of the Arctic Ocean"), but the word can also be used figuratively to describe a person with a cold demeanor (as in "the criminal's gelid stare").
Example: "Back at school, January is gelid. The roads around campus are two inches deep in slush left behind from a New Year's Day snowstorm." — Koren Zailckas, Smashed, 2005.

THE ODD WORD

Galanty

Shadow play.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Get the ball rolling

Meaning: To start an activity.
Origin: Get the ball rolling and start the ball rolling are idioms that mean to start the action, to make the opening move. The related term keep the ball rolling means to continue the action, to keep the proceedings moving forward. There are two wildly different explanations of the origin of this idiom. The first origin story states that get the ball rolling is a sports term, taken from the game of croquet. Croquet came into existence in Britain in the mid-1850s, though a similar game named pall-mall had existed in France since the mid-1600s. The second origin story gives America credit for bringing the idiom into general use, starting in the 1840s. During the 1840 presidential campaign, William Harrison employed a gimmick known as Victory Balls. These balls were ten feet in diameter, consisting of leather and tin and were pushed from one campaign rally to the next while the crowd chanted, "Keep the ball rolling."
Example: The board will soon get the ball rolling on the next wave of cash sourcing at Ibrox and it is likely to be the same familiar faces that are footing the bill this time around. *(The Glasgow Evening Times)*

QUOTE BOX

You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated.

—Maya Angelou

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SHEAVENTH

Answer: In Seventh Heaven.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

1	9	7	3	4	2	5	6	8
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6	4	5	1	8	7	2	9	3
5	8	9	6	3	1	7	4	2
4	7	2	8	9	5	3	1	6
3	6	1	2	7	4	9	8	5
9	3	4	5	6	8	1	2	7
2	5	8	7	1	9	6	3	4
7	1	6	4	2	3	8	5	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Norse deity
5 Roman 1200
8 Cain's brother
12 Pretended knock-out in boxing?
13 Fifth sign of the Zodiac
14 Footwear
15 Small pickled onion
17 Local area networks, abbr.
18 Latin trio
19 Rough, not smooth
21 Plant firmly
24 Mehdi for our local girls?
25 Ball game
26 Former TISCO Chairman Russi ____
27 Large weight
30 Spanish queen
31 Append; attach
32 School grp.
33 Fabled bird
34 Takes in marriage
35 Distinctive air
36 Destiny, fate
38 ____ Khan : ex-Pakistani cricket captain?
39 Fertilized egg
41 Std. temp. & press.
42 Star Wars' Princes ___
43 Feeling sick
48 Stinging remark
49 I have, poetically speaking
50 A kind of trick
51 Aims or goals
52 A motor vehicle
53 Gaelic language

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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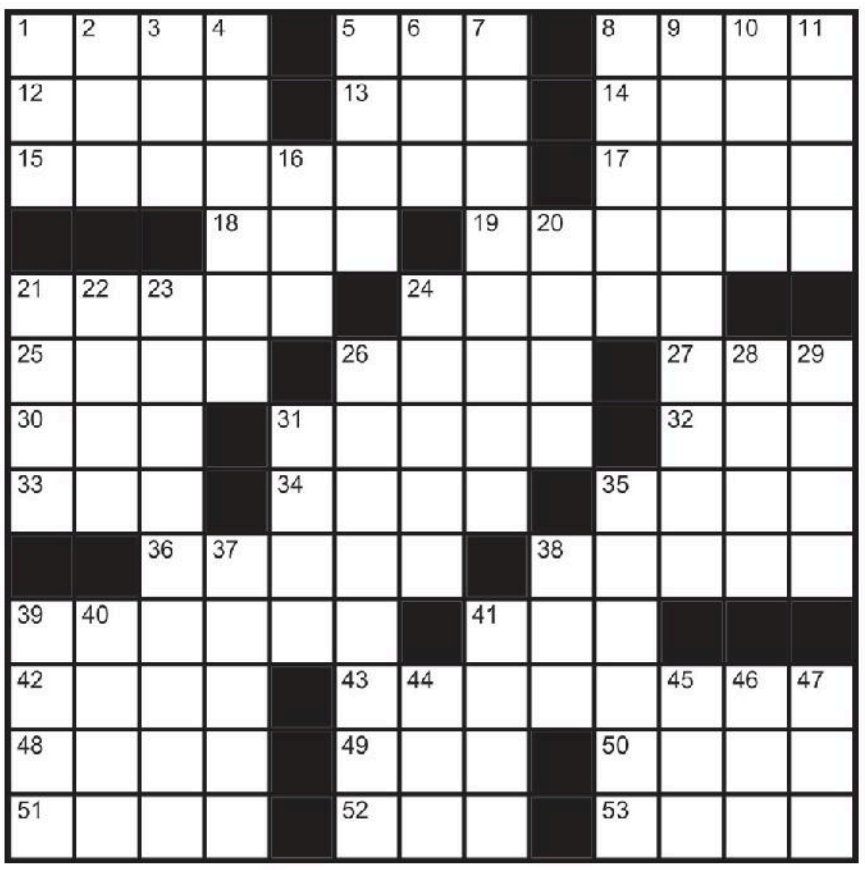
DOWN

1 Tax deducted at source, in short
2 Sound of a hiccup?
3 Eggs
4 Lightening of a burden
5 Roman 1052
6 Chief executive officer, in short
7 Yields, gives in or gives up
8 Narnia lion
9 Bird sanctuary near Agra
10 Ages
11 ___ majesty : treason toward the king or country?
16 Cover for a saucepan
20 Type of gemstone
21 Hungarian city
22 One as a prefix; not a stereo
23 Merle
24 Accord or City manufacturers
26 Of or designed to aid the memory
28 Other abroad
29 Indian leavened bread
31 Out of true
35 Unit of current
37 Iraqis or Saudis
38 His, hers or ___
39 German river
40 Imply or signify
41 Plaintiff - "ruse" anagram?
44 Miss Gardner's first name
45 Mine and thine
46 United State Steamship, abbr.
47 ____ into : investigate



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SCEEABORR AR ISOB ISCZ QFK ZSABH, ISCZ QFK

RCQ, CBY ISCZ QFK YF CJO AB SCJUFBQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: As long as you derive inner help and comfort from anything, keep it.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 28)

- **Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari - Mysuru Branch:** Gita Jayanti and Swami Vivekananda Jayanti celebrations, *Viveka Sinchana* - Cultural competitions for School and College students in different categories, Rangoli and Drawing, Kendra premises, 'Meru,' 1st Main, Pampapati Road, Jayanagar, **4 pm.**
- **Desiranga - Samskrutika Samsthe:** Book release — B.S. Dinamani's 'Mounakavya' and 'Chadurida Chintanegalu' — by Prof. R. Indira of University of Mysore, thinker Kalegowda Nagawara presides, cultural thinker N. Divakar and Prof. Mysore Krishnamurthy of Maharani Commerce and Management College will speak about the books, Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and D.N. Lokappa of Samvahana Prakashana chief guests, Sriranga auditorium, Rangayana premises, **4.30 pm.**
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), Mysuru:** Vasundharotsava-2020, the 34th edition of national festival of classical dance and music, Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa inaugurates, Rotary Mysore North President Rtn. M.J. Swamy chief guest, Art Patron and VPAC President K.V. Murthy presides, **5.30 pm;** 'Chiguru Sanje' - Bharatantyam by tiny tots — Jeevitha - Disciple of Vidu. Premita Govind; Charvi Kashyap - Disciple of Vidu. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan; Gowri B. Rajendra - Disciple of Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy; R. Nandana and K.S. Aditi - Disciple of Vidu. Varija Nalige; Ksithi Thakkar - Disciple of Vidu. Sujay Shanbhag, Hubballi — Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mahavidyapeetha - Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment:** 'Jnana Varidhi-4' Digital Lecture Programme, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Sri Prabhu Channabasava Swamy of Sri Motagi Mutt (Athani) speaks on 'Values of life,' **6 pm.** [YouTube: *http://Youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline;* Facebook: *https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP or http://jssonline.org]*

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 29)

- **Sri Panchamukhi Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Irwin Road:** 20th Hanuma Jayanti Mahotsava, special puja, Temple premises, **9 am.**
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), Mysuru:** Vasundharotsava-2020, 34th edition of national festival of classical dance & music, Kathak by Aditi Ashok and Spoorthi Ashok, Bengaluru - Disciples of Guru Nirupama Rajendra, **5.30 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Vasundhara Jamadagni - Disciple of Vid. Sandesh Bhargav, **6.15 pm;** Kuchipudi by Vidu. Rekha Satish - Disciple of Guru Manju Bharagavee, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **7 pm.**

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Shakeela (H)	3 Shows

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	(S-4)	10.45 am, 6.50 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-1)	7.30 pm; (S-2) 11.10 am
	(S-3)	4.00 pm; (S-4) 1.45 pm
Bow Bow (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
Shakeela (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Vanguard (E)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 6.30 pm
Avanalli Ivalilli (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
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		5.45 pm
	(S-2)	11.30 am, 3.00 pm
		6.30 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 1.10 pm
		7.00 pm
Vanguard (E)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Avanalli Ivalilli (K)	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Shakeela (H)	(S-4)	7.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Kerala Blasters FC secures first win of the season

Jordan Murray of Kerala Blasters FC attempts an overhead kick during a Hero ISL 2020-21 match against Hyderabad FC at the GMC Stadium in Bambolim, Goa, last night.

Bambolim, Dec. 28- Kerala Blasters FC secured their first win of the season as they beat Hyderabad FC 2-0 in Match 40 of Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 at the GMC Stadium in Bambolim last night.

Abdul Hakku and Jordan Murray were on target for the Kochi-based club as they went into the match without the seasoned trio of Costa Nhamoinesu, Bakary Kone and Gary Hooper.

Kerala Blasters came close to opening the scoring in the 11th minute after Hyderabad fullback Asish Rai lost possession to Sahal Abdul Samad. The midfielder lined up to take the shot but a crucial block from Odei Onaindia prevented Sahal from a shot on goal. Nishu Kumar had a half chance of his own five minutes later but his low shot was safely collected by Subrata Paul. At the other end, Hyderabad had a chance to take the lead after Aridane Santana fired his shot straight to the Kerala goalkeeper Albino Gomes.

Hakku repaid the faith put in him by Kibu Vicuna and scored the opener for Kerala in the 29th minute. The Indian headed in a corner to give his side the lead. Hyderabad came close to equalising just before half time after a well-worked move ended in Santana poking Mohammed Yasir's pass just wide of the target.

Kerala continued their attacking forays in the second half with a string of chances but failed to make the opportunities pay. Vicente Gomez almost doubled his side's lead within the first minute but the Spaniard's shot was well caught by the Hyderabad custodian.

K.P. Rahul then forced Subrata into a brilliant save in the 58th minute. A few minutes later, Murray received the ball in the middle of the park and made a run into the opponents' box but the Australian couldn't utilise the opportunity.

Chasing the equaliser, Halicharan Narzary came close but the winger flashed his shot over the crossbar. In the 86th minute, Albino kept his side in the match after making a crucial save to deny Hero ISL debutant Fran Sandaza. Hyderabad rued their missed chance, with Kerala sealing the win on the transition.

Murray scored with a pin-point finish in the 88th minute. The ball found its way to Murray after coming off Adil Khan and the Aussie buried the ball into the net without any fuss to help Kerala Blasters to their first win while condemning Hyderabad to their second consecutive loss of the season.

Hero of the Match: Jeakson Singh (Kerala Blasters FC); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Facundo Pereyra (Kerala Blasters FC).

Hero INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE IMG RELIANCE STAR

Today's Match (Dec. 28)

BENGALURU FC
Vs
JAMSHEDPUR
Fatorda Stadium, Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Dec. 29)

CHENNAIYIN FC
Vs
ATK MOHUN BAGAN
GMC Stadium, Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Result

KERALA BLASTERS - 2
beat
HYDERABAD - 0

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Federer out of Australian Open after knee surgery

Melbourne, Dec. 28- Twenty-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer will miss Australian Open for first time in his career as he continues his recovery from two rounds of knee surgery, organisers said today.

The 39-year-old Swiss has been out of action since Feb. but recently resumed training and was on the entry list for year's opening Grand Slam, which will make a delayed start on February 8. Federer, a huge favourite with the Melbourne crowds, hasn't missed the Australian Open since his debut in 2000, winning the trophy six times.

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